REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated January 31, 2003 and have made amendments to the application. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-20 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The declaration was objected to as being defective because the signature of inventor Ying-Che Yang was missing. In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" mailed January 4, 2001, Applicants filed a five page "Declaration and Power of Attorney" on March 5, 2001. As shown on the attached copy, the second page of the "Declaration and Power of Attorney" was executed by inventors Jason R. Albright, Michael A. Bartholet, and Carol L. Dwyer, the third page was executed by inventor Ronald E. Graham, the fourth page was executed by inventor Kyle P. Manning, and the fifth page was executed by inventor Ying-Che Yang. Thus, the declaration includes the signature of inventor Ying-Che Yang, and the objection to the declaration should be withdrawn.

The title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. The title has been amended to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0117405 A1). Claims 8 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants are filing a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 (see Attachments) to establish that the invention claimed in the present application was reduced to writing in the United States prior to February 1, 2000. Thus, the invention claimed in the present application was invented prior to February 1, 2000. The Wang reference cited by the Examiner has a 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

date of February 1, 2000, which is after the invention claimed in the present application was invented. Therefore, Wang cannot properly be cited against the present application as a prior art reference in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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